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**NL INDUSTRIES/TARACORP SUPERFUND SITE GROUP**

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**First Class Mail**

Mr. Brad Bradley  
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**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois  
Consent Decree  
Progress Report 59 (March 2004)**

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As required by the Consent Decree for the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") to provide the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") with a progress report for operation and maintenance activities that were performed during March 2004.

**1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:**

- On March 4, 2004, the Group's project coordinator issued a progress report to EPA.
- Beginning on March 8, 2004, the Group's contractor, ENTACT, remobilized to the site and completed work related to the demolition of the structures on the former BV&G Trucking property. Repairs to the security fence at the site were also completed in March 2004.
- On March 16, 2004, the Group's project coordinator and EPA's project manager discussed EPA's schedule and plans for issuing the five-year review report.
- On March 22, 2004, the Madison County Community Development Agency issued a revised Supplemental Environmental Project Work Plan to EPA to address EPA's December 2003 comments.



- On March 22, 2004, ENTACT conducted an operation and maintenance inspection at the site on behalf of the Group.

2. **Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

3. **Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:**

- As noted above, the Madison County Community Development Agency issued a revised Supplemental Environmental Project Work Plan to EPA on March 22, 2004.

4. **Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:**

- As previously reported, the Group has authorized ENTACT to perform maintenance activities at the site to address the items outlined in ENTACT's June 24, 2003 inspection report. ENTACT mobilized to the site in February 2004 and completed demolition of the small building on the former BV&G Trucking property. After Illinois Power retired a gas meter, ENTACT remobilized to the site in March 2004 and completed demolition work for the larger building on the property. Repairs to the security fence were also completed in March 2004. When weather conditions are suitable, ENTACT will return to the site to repair erosion rills in the Taracorp pile cap and other miscellaneous maintenance activities.
- The Group anticipates that the Madison County Community Development Agency will hold a kick-off event in Granite City in either late April 2004 or early May 2004 for the supplemental environmental project.
- A copy of ENTACT's March 22, 2004 inspection report will be provided to EPA.

5. **Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

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6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

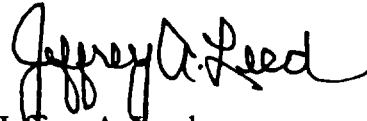
7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

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